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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are herein addressed below; and

Claim 14 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 1, lines 9-10, the phraseology "said first and second planar sectional elements have communication surfaces providing a light/shadow effect for breaking visual experience" is not readily understood by the Examiner. More specifically, what is meant by light/shadow effect for breaking visual experience?

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-7, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Biebuyck. As shown in Figures 3B and 4, Biebuyck discloses an openable rectangular-shaped screen element (160 and 162; i.e., "fire door" having a space between two surfaces) for a building (152), having hinges (176A and 178A), and the screen elements have first and second planar sections (with one of the planar sections parallel with the building as shown in Figure 4) extending at an angle of about

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30 degrees. Biebuyck further disclose rebates (172 and 174) and a locking means (column 8, lines 60-68, and element 478). Biebuyck fails to disclose the angle between the planar sections to be between 10-20 degrees. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the angle between the planar sections of Biebuyck to be between 10-20 degrees since one would still see oncoming traffic beyond the opening of the building and thus preventing the doors from extending too far into a sidewalk area.

Claims 9, 11, and 16 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Biebuyck in view of Van Sandt. All of the elements of the instant invention are discussed in detail above except providing a sensor lighting means and a closing means connected with a hinge. Van Sandt discloses a sensor lighting means and a closing means (Figures 3-5) connected with a hinge. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the screen element of Biebuyck with an automatic lighting means and a closing means as taught by Van Sandt since an automatic lighting means allows one to see individuals on an opposite side of a door when it's dark and a closing means allows the door to automatically close as one enters and exits the opening.

Claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicant's arguments have been considered but are not deemed persuasive. It appears that the applicant's arguments are more limiting than that of the claims. For example, the applicant relies on the limitation in claim 1, lines 10-11, "for breaking.....into the wall" which is not positively recited and carries little to no patentable weight. Furthermore, the applicant argues and relies on limitations, which are not readily understood by the Examiner as discussed in detail above.


THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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